

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, September 21, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1444. A bill to establish a Federal air marshals program under the Attorney General; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

McConnell

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S. 1447. A bill to improve aviation security, and for other purposes; read the first time.

Hollings

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S. 1448. A bill to enhance intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government in the prevention of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Graham

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S. 1449. A bill to establish the National Office for Combating Terrorism; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Graham

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S. 1450. A bill to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system; ***considered and passed.***

Daschle

Pages S 9620, S 9627-30

S. 1452. A bill to provide for ***electronic access by the Department of State and Immigration and Naturalization Service to certain information in the criminal history records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation*** to determine whether or not a visa applicant or applicant for admission has a criminal record; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kennedy

Pages S 9621, S 9630-1

S. 1453. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for improved Federal efforts to prepare for, and respond to, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Smith

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S. 1454. A bill to provide assistance for employees who are separated from employment as a result of reductions in service by air carriers, and closures of airports, caused by terrorist actions or security measures; to the Committee on Finance.

Carnahan

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Text of H.R. 2590, Treasury, Postal Service, And General Government Appropriations Act, 2002, as amended and passed the Senate on September 19, 2001.

Pages S 9661-73

Measure Passed:

Aviation Assistance and Security Act: By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 284), Senate passed S. 1450, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system.

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"... One of the most difficult issues we had to grapple with was the enormous potential liability that airlines faced if courts determine that they were negligent and in some way responsible for the damage wrought by the terrorist attacks last week. [] Disturbingly, while courts could order the liquidation of our biggest airlines if they are deemed liable for the catastrophic damage of September 11, victims could also receive no compensation from the courts if they determine that corporate entities, including airlines, were not responsible for the devastating damage arising from the terrorist attacks..." (McCain, page S 9594)

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion bill, it be immediately considered, read the third time and passed, provided it is identical to the Senate passed bill. Further, that once the House bill has been enacted into law, provided it is identical to the Senate measure, then passage on the Senate bill be vitiated and the measure then be indefinitely postponed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that it be in order for the Senate to receive the House companion to **S. 1450**, the Airline Stabilization bill, notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate.

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S. 1438. Department of Defense Authorization:

Senate began consideration of S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Levin/Warner Amendment No. 1598, to authorize additional funds for certain national security interest purposes.

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Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, September 24, 2001.

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H.R. 2500. Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act:

Senate further amended the Senate amendment to H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, with the following amendment:

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Reid (for Hollings/Gregg) Amendment No. 1616, to strike section 404.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hollings, Inouye, Mikulski, Leahy, Kohl, Murray, Reed, Byrd, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, and Cochran.

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Nominations Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 282), **Sharon Prost**, of the District of Columbia, to be **United**

States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 283), ***Reggie B. Walton***, of the District of Columbia, to be ***United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.***

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Nominations Received:

Senate received the following nominations:

Clay D. Land, of Georgia, to be ***United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia***, vice J. Robert Elliot, retired.

Randy Crane, of Texas, to be ***United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas***, vice a new position created by Public Law 106-553, approved December 21, 2000.

Mary Ann Solberg, of Michigan, to be ***Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy***. (New Position)

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Executive Communication:

EC-3989. A communication from the General Counsel of the Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "To Amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as Amended, to Streamline the Financial Disclosure Requirements for Executive Branch Employees;" to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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Committee Meeting:

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the U.S. response to homeland attacks.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of September 24 Through September 29, 2001:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: 9/26/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold oversight hearings to examine the Administration's national money laundering strategy for 2001. SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 9/26/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation security issues. SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: 9/25/01 @ 9:30 a.m. ***Business meeting to consider S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse."*** SD-406.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of September 24 Through September 29, 2001 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 9/25/01 @ 2:30 p.m. With the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine federal government management, focusing on airline passenger and baggage screening. SD-342.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 9/26/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the security of critical governmental infrastructure. SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: 9/24/01 @ 3:00 p.m. To hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice counterterrorism proposal. SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: 9/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine homeland defense matters. SD-226.

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Remark:

Treasury And General Government Appropriations.

*"... Under funding for the General Government, some of the earmarks include: \$2,500,000 for the Native American Digital Telehealth Project and the Upper Great Plains Native American Telehealth Program at the University of North Dakota; and \$5,000,000 to help purchase land and facilitate the **moving of the Odd Fellows Hall to provide for construction of a new courthouse in Salt Lake City, UT.** There are more projects on the list that I have compiled, which will be available on my Senate Web site..."*

McCain

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2906. A bill to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to re-implement the sky marshal program within 30 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Baker

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H.R. 2907. A bill to provide for the issuance of a semi-postal for the benefit of victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Capps

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H.R. 2913. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to carry out the screening of passengers and property on flights in air transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Quinn

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H.R. 2914. *A bill to extend for 6 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Smith

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2915. *A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the interception of communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Smith

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H.R. 2922. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to prevent the smuggling of large amounts of

currency or monetary instruments into or out of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Roukema

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H. Res. 240. Resolution returning to the Senate the bill H.R. 2500; considered and agreed to.

Thomas

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H.R. 2925. A bill to amend the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 in order to provide for the security of dams, facilities, and resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation; to the Committee on Resources.

Calvert

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H.R. 2926. A bill to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Young

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H.R. 2928. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the removal of aliens who aid or abet a terrorist organization or an individual who has conducted, is conducting, or is planning to conduct a terrorist activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Andrews

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H.R. 2929. *A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Barr

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H.R. 2943. *A bill to protect classified information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Vitter

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Report Filed:

Report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 244, providing for consideration of **H.R. 2926**, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system (House Report 107-214).

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H.R. 2926. Air Transportation System Stabilization Act:

The House passed H.R. 2926, to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 54 nays with 2 voting "present," Roll No. 348.

Pages H 5894-H 5918, D 920

Rejected the DeFazio motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report it back to the House with amendments that require air carriers to provide health insurance for 18 months to laid off airline employees **and requires the FAA to conduct security screening of air passengers and property at airports** by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 239

nays, Roll No. 347.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 244, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 346. Earlier, **the House agreed to H. Res. 242**, the rule providing for same day consideration of this rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 345.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action, as amended, **H.R. 2305, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Restructuring Act of 2001**. The Subcommittee also held a hearing on *"Mass Transit in the National Capital Region: Meeting Future Capital Needs."*

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Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against consideration of **H.R. 2926**, Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry.

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Joint Committee Meeting:

Joint Hearing: On Thursday, September 20, Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation concluded open and closed joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation to examine aviation security issues, focusing on aviation related computer systems, airport access controls, and passenger and carry-on baggage screening, including how the United States and selected other countries differ in their screening practices.

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Congressional Program Ahead. Week Of September 24 Through September 29, 2001:

Committee on Government Reform, 9/26/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on *"Information Technology-Essential Yet Vulnerable: How Prepared Are We for Attack?"* 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 9/24/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Hearing on the Administration's proposed Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, 9/24/01 @ 4:30 p.m. Briefing on Concerns with the Administration's Anti-

Terrorism Act of 2001. 2141 Rayburn.

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Remarks:

Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention Act Of 2001.

Gilman

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Holt

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Next SENATE MEETING: Monday, 12:00 p.m., September 24, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 12:30 p.m., September 24, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith)